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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director/AQUATONE

THROUGH : Project Director of Administration

SUBJECT : Project Personnel Residence at [redacted]

1. The undersigned has received several comments of late and personally observed an increasing number of our Project personnel congregating in the [redacted] California. While this is a natural tendency for persons of like interest to gather during off duty hours in a strange city, it is felt that it cannot be permitted within a sensitive activity of this nature. In particular, we have recently received specific information indicating that several female frequenters of the [redacted] Bar have struck up semi-intimate relationships with our personnel including drivers, and one such woman was believed to have been overheard making a reference to this Agency.

2. While we will not be able to pin down in a factual manner the significance of such situations, it is felt that as a general rule personnel should not congregate nor continuously utilize such facilities. Accordingly, it is suggested that an administrative policy be established to require Project personnel to rotate their use of hotel residences and pointedly avoid congregating in large groups in public places.

[redacted]
Project Security Officer

[redacted] :vod (3 May 56)

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